

## **Fast Facts about the Greater Washington DC Region's Best Workplaces for Commuters<sup>SM</sup>**

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- Seventy-six employers in the region are recognized on the first annual Greater Washington DC Region's Best Workplaces for Commuters<sup>SM</sup> list.
- Commuters working for a company making the Best Workplaces for Commuters<sup>SM</sup> list are much less likely to drive alone to work, reducing traffic, air pollution, and worker stress.
- The nearly 71,600 commuters working for the Washington Region's Best Workplaces for Commuters<sup>SM</sup> will help reduce more than 50,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year.

### **Washington DC Region Local Commuting Facts**

- Washington DC Region residents perceive traffic as one of the areas biggest problems.
- More than 2.2 million people commute each day in the Washington DC Metropolitan Region, and more than 70% of them drive to work alone.
- The average annual Washington DC Metropolitan Region traffic delay per capita for 2000 was 84 hours compared to 62 hours nationally.
- Congestion cost the Washington Region commuters \$2.3 million annually or \$1,595 per commuter.
- 39% of Washington Region workers commute round trip one hour or more each day with the average one way commute at 32 minutes. 17% commute round trip for more than 1.5 hours per day.

### **Washington DC Region Air Quality Facts**

- Almost 52% of the Washington Region's carbon monoxide comes from motor vehicles.
- For 38 days per year, air pollution levels in the Washington Region violate federal health standards. *Based on the highest average of three eight-hour periods measured over a day.*

### **National Commuting Facts**

- The average annual delay per peak-road traveler in 75 urban areas climbed to 62 hours in 2000 from 16 hours in 1982. The total cost of congestion in 2000 came to \$67.5 billion, which was the value of 3.6 billion hours of delay and 5.7 billion gallons of excess fuel consumed, not to mention lost worker productivity.
- Nearly 50 % of workers describe their commutes as unsatisfying or stressful, and 36 percent say they would be willing to take a 10 percent pay cut or more for a shorter commute.
- Employees with commuter benefits are 8 times more likely to use transit than those who don't have them.

Sources: Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Texas Transportation Institute *HR Magazine Survey*, *Xylo survey*